GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTRODUCTION OF PASSPORT SYSTEM BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce passport system between India and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) - (c) At the third meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Working Group on Border Management held in Kathmandu from February 1-3, 2000, the two sides discussed the possibility of introducing a passport system, without the requirement of visa, for the purpose of identification of nationality of Indian and Nepalese citizens travelling by air between the two countries. Till such time that the modalities for the operationlisation of this system are firmed up, it was agreed to scrutinise and reduce the types of photo-identification documents that would be valid for air travel and notify each other of the revised list of such documents.